

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2, 6, 14, 17, 20, 23, 25 and 33. These sheets, which include Figs. 1, 2, 6, 14, 17, 20, 23, 25, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1, 2, 6, 14, 17, 20, 23, 25.

Attachment: 9 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 38-57 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1-37 having been canceled and Claims 38-57 having been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to because of informalities; the title of the invention was objected to because of not being descriptive; the specification was objected to because of informalities; Claims 1 and 3-11 were objected to because of informalities; Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tadashi (JP08-238984) in view of Sugimoto (JP60-128838); Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tadashi in view of Sugimoto, and further in view of KANTO AUTO WORKS (JP08-058473); Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tadashi, Sugimoto, and KANTO AUTO WORKS, and further in view of Komatsu (U.S. Patent No. 5,594,585); Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tadashi, Sugimoto, and KANTO AUTO WORKS, and further in view of Vu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,890,907); and Claims 5-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

However, Claims 5-9 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

New 38-57 are fully supported by the specification, drawings and claims as originally filed. Applicants therefore submit that no new matter has been introduced.

Submitted herewith is a separate LETTER SUBMITTING DRAWING SHEET(S), submitting for approval of correction to Figures 1, 2, 6, 14, 17, 20, 23, 25 and 33.

Misspellings in Figures 1, 2, 6, 14, 17, 20, 23 and 25 have been corrected herewith. Figure

33 has been designated by a legend "Background Art." Accordingly, the noted informalities have been corrected herewith.

In response to the objection to the title, a new title for the subject invention has been submitted herewith. The new title is believed to be fully descriptive of the present invention and no further objection to the title is therefore anticipated.

In response to the objection to the specification, typographical errors have been corrected herewith. No further objection on that basis is therefore anticipated.

In response to the objections and rejections to claims, Claims 1-37 have been canceled. Therefore, the objections and rejections are now moot.

Claim 5, which was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, has been rewritten in independent form as Claim 38. Therefore, Claim 38 is believed to be allowable.

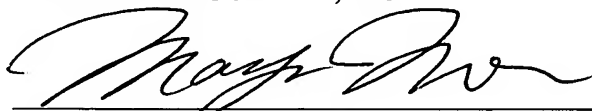
Claims 39-57 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 38, which is believed to be allowable. Therefore, Claims 39-57 are believed to be allowable.

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In view of the amendments, and in view of the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early action favorable to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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